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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED ALCOHOL"

I believe that alcohol, to a certain degree, demoralizes those who make it, those who sell it, and those who drink it. I believe from the time it issues from the cooled and poisonous womb of the distillery until it empties into the hell of crime, death and dishonor, it demoralizes everybody that touches it. I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudiced against this liquid crime.

All you have to do is to think of the deaths of the suicides, of the ignorance, of the poverty, of the ignorance, of the distress, of the little children tugging at the faded dresses of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; or the men of genius it has wrecked; of the millions who have struggled with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing. And when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the prisons, and of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the damned stuff called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.
"Keep Church and State forever separate."—Grant.
"In no sense whatsoever is the government founded upon the Christian religion."—Washington.
"The divorce between Church and State should be absolute."—Garfield.

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SIN HARPPING

ON THE INCREASE OF THE CIRCULATION OF THE BLADE.

A few friends are responding to my request to do something to increase the circulation of the Blade, but the Blade friends are doing nothing at all in keeping with the importance of the subject. When Secretary Morris, I asked for letters in answer to the question, "What can you do?" I printed 40 letters in the issue of May 12 in answer to that question. I printed 40 letters in the issue of May 12 in answer to that question. I printed 40 letters in the issue of May 12 in answer to that question.

There were plenty of infidels, however, who were so afraid of the Christians that they did not dare to announce their adherence to this most advanced of infidels.

To print all of these letters cost the Blade a good deal of money, but they were worth the money.

Now comes a time when I ask you to write me letters in answer to the question, "What can you do?" I printed 40 letters in the issue of May 12 in answer to that question. I printed 40 letters in the issue of May 12 in answer to that question. I printed 40 letters in the issue of May 12 in answer to that question.

But we claim to enjoy our freedom from superstition, and we do enjoy it. There is no reasonable doubt that the infidels who write me letters are free from superstition, and we do enjoy it. There is no reasonable doubt that the infidels who write me letters are free from superstition, and we do enjoy it.

It is a grand and noble feeling that to be able to look down upon a Christian that lies as being my intellectual and moral inferior.

These things are the most tangible and practical sources of comfort and peace of mind that humanity can find. And you people who are infidels, you can only do so because infidels propagandists have taught you to do so. None of us have any genuine infidelity, and none of us have any genuine infidelity, and none of us have any genuine infidelity.

All of these things are worth something to us. If you were Christians you would have to pay out your money to support the preachers. You don't have to do that now. But it does seem to me that as men and women who are infidels worthy of great name—the people who are doing more than all others, combining for the advancement of human happiness and the suppression of crime and immorality you ought to be glad to give your money to help this great cause. I don't see how any genuine infidel can now, when the Blade is making this appeal to you to help spread infidelity by writing something on this subject, just keep still and say nothing hoping, by so doing, to save the little money that you all have. Each of you ought to contribute to the cause.

I look to Christians and to infidels too, that when you want to brag on your being Atheists, you are ready to rush into print, but as soon as you are asked to make some little sacrifice to help in the matter then all of you hush up any that you are saying anything you will soon get so discouraged that I will quit saying anything about it, any that you are saying anything you will soon get so discouraged that I will quit saying anything about it, any that you are saying anything you will soon get so discouraged that I will quit saying anything about it.

There are some people whose entire life is more to be desired than their praise.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

RELIGION OF WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN.

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"I trust the people of every denomination will have occasion to be convinced that I shall always strive to prove a faithful and impartial part of the Republic, and I take in the kindest part the promise you make of presenting your prayers at the altar of grace for me, and that I likewise implore the Divine benediction on yourselves and your religious ministrations."

On the margin of the paper is written the following:

"Can you harmonize your contention that Washington and Lincoln were infidels with the claims above set forth?"

There is nothing in the above quotation to be construed to mean that Washington or Lincoln was not an infidel.

One who disbelieves the inspiration of Scripture and the divine origin of Christianity.

There is nothing in that quotation that goes to show that either Washington or Lincoln believed in the inspiration of the Scriptures or in the divine origin of Christianity.

It is plain that they both believed in God but Tom Paine much more than either of them. It is plain that they both believed in God but Tom Paine much more than either of them. It is plain that they both believed in God but Tom Paine much more than either of them.

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Snort letters

Nebraska, Ind.—I shall we help the Blade? This is 1.00 a year I am going to do it. Herewith find \$1. Next month I shall remit \$1 and the month after 50 cents—total \$2.50. I sent you \$1 a few days since for "Dog Fennel".
—J. E. ARVOLD.

Kingston, N. Y.—I celebrate my 56th birthday by sending \$1 to you for the Blade. I have been 25 years in the battle against priestcraft. It has cost me friends, money, work and time. But I feel that it is my moral and sacred duty to array myself against the gigantic distortion, Christianity. For these many years I have given the church no rest. I have struck her and her whole false system blows that sent her staggering, and during the remainder of my days I propose to increase my activities on this line. Wilson, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Closs and many other valiant chiefs of liberty are helping me. I congratulate you upon your return from the Orient.—L. DEWITT GRISWOLD.

Galveston, Ind.—Please send statement of my account. I want to know I don't want to stop the paper. I want the two copies of May 3rd and 10th. Some of us were skeptical. I don't know making eye out of one of Adam's ribs, but since we read the Blade of May 3 and 10, we are satisfied that is the way she was made. Our Universalist preacher says it is the richest thing he has seen in some time. Go ahead and pound or thodoxy some more. I hope that most people will soon have more advanced ideas.—JOHN THOMAS.

Marshall, N. C.—I am in a hurry for your book and I sent the money as per bill. It included post office order for \$1 for Dog Fennel in the Orient, and please forward at your earliest convenience. Hurrah for T. J. Wycarver! I read his words at his mother's funeral, in the Blade, July 1st. He must be a second Ingersoll. Success to the Blue Grass Blade.—J. J. PERKINS.

Pasadena, Calif.—I am glad to read that "Dog Fennel in the Orient" is in press, and no one is more anxious to get it in hand to read than I am. Find enclosed \$1.00 for the book. I suspect there will be music strewn all through it. I expect to get the true conception of the Orient when you want. I can't have the idea that you have written a book to please the reader regarding the Orient, you say. I have lately read a book of 571 pages by Robert Meredith of Iowa—a Quaker. He gives a most satisfactory account of what he saw in and about Jerusalem, of which I have ever read, but I think he saw some things he did not mention.
—A. LEWIS.

Answer—I think you are mistaken in the number of pages of Meredith's book. Some one sent me his "Around the World on Sixty Dollars," printed in 1895. It has 372 pages. Meredith will have about one-third more reading than that book.

Dear Sir—Enclosed find \$5.00 for the Blade. I have been reading the Blade for nearly a year and I consider it a "hot rat" in my very busy man, but will write you are long about what a time of an infidel who is having her views on the Bible pounded and their few of us. As yet we are not organized, but think we will be long. I think you are doing a fine thing of good. Hope you will live to be a hundred years old, and that you will continue the work as in the past. You can depend on me as a permanent subscriber. I am sure it will send for you to read of hind Bars," this fall. Wishing you every success, I am, yours truly,
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Cincinnati, O., July 3, 1903.
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Dear Sir—Enclosed \$20.00—one for your "Dog Fennel in the Orient," and one for another year for your brilliant little paper the Blue Grass Blade. Yours very respectfully,
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Brother C. C. Moore.
I am glad you enjoyed a pleasant trip to "dog fennel in the Orient" and "Holy Land" and I hope soon to see you reading "Dog Fennel in the Orient." I will do all I can to get subscribers for the Blade. I have induced a good many to subscribe, but have never gotten up a club. With all good wishes for yourself and your family, I am your sincere friend,
MRS. JANE B. HARMON.

Davenport, Ill., July 3, 1903.
My Dear Mr. Moore:
It runs in my mind that I have subscribed for a book you promised to write, "Dog Fennel in the Orient," or some such, dog on name. Here's your dollar—let her come. On your trip did you take with you a goose and a goat, as did our Crusaders, or did the Holy Ghost send in your curly locks?
Yours very truly,
D. D. EVANS.

Versailles, Mo., July 3, 1903.
Editor Blue Grass Blade:
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to the Blue Grass Blade. I have sent you three new names within the last year, and I hope to send you five more within the next six months. From the sale of subscription cards and from renewals it does look to me as though the Blade might be able to remunerate enough to live you over the summer safely. I sincerely hope that it may and will.
CHAS. R. KIMBERLY, aged 41.

The plan of selling subscription cards is probably the very best one that has been inaugurated for the Blade could be devised, and I have nothing new to offer. I am thoroughly satisfied with it. Yours fraternally,
CHAS. R. KIMBERLY.

Corrigan, Texas, July 3, 1903.
To the Blue Grass Blade:
I have read with much interest the answers to the question "Why I am an Atheist?" While all have told their story in their own way, yet they all point to the same cause—common sense, reason and the ability to think for themselves. I did not write on the subject because I am a Christian, but could not tell my reasons in a half column article, unless I abbreviated them. "Dog Fennel" is perfectly natural to be one.
But Mr. Moore has asked the question: "Shall we help the Blade?" On this subject I cannot keep silent. I say without hesitation, Yes. We must let the Blade die. We do so already to be the victim of the battle. The battle is on; the Blade is our ally, and we must stand by our own. We cannot let it down for the sake of our ignorance and superstition with wind. It will take solid work and we must for it.
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CHAS. R. KIMBERLY, aged 41.

The plan of selling subscription cards is probably the very best one that has been inaugurated for the Blade could be devised, and I have nothing new to offer. I am thoroughly satisfied with it. Yours fraternally,
CHAS. R. KIMBERLY.

Corrigan, Texas, July 3, 1903.
To the Blue Grass Blade:
I have read with much interest the answers to the question "Why I am an Atheist?" While all have told their story in their own way, yet they all point to the same cause—common sense, reason and the ability to think for themselves. I did not write on the subject because I am a Christian, but could not tell my reasons in a half column article, unless I abbreviated them. "Dog Fennel" is perfectly natural to be one.
But Mr. Moore has asked the question: "Shall we help the Blade?" On this subject I cannot keep silent. I say without hesitation, Yes. We must let the Blade die. We do so already to be the victim of the battle. The battle is on; the Blade is our ally, and we must stand by our own. We cannot let it down for the sake of our ignorance and superstition with wind. It will take solid work and we must for it.
If I understand aright, there are about 4,000 Blade subscribers. Now let the Blade die. We do so already to be the victim of the battle. The battle is on; the Blade is our ally, and we must stand by our own. We cannot let it down for the sake of our ignorance and superstition with wind. It will take solid work and we must for it.

Hayden, Col., June 24, 1903.
Rev. C. C. Moore, Lexington, Ky.
Kind Friend—I have been in love with the Blue Grass Blade, and to ask you to save me a copy of your book, "Dog Fennel." I have been reading the Blade for nearly a year and I consider it a "hot rat" in my very busy man, but will write you are long about what a time of an infidel who is having her views on the Bible pounded and their few of us. As yet we are not organized, but think we will be long. I think you are doing a fine thing of good. Hope you will live to be a hundred years old, and that you will continue the work as in the past. You can depend on me as a permanent subscriber. I am sure it will send for you to read of hind Bars," this fall. Wishing you every success, I am, yours truly,
JOHN R. GAMBLE.

Cincinnati, O., July 3, 1903.
C. C. Moore, Esq.
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GEO. P. OWEN.

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Brother C. C. Moore.
I am glad you enjoyed a pleasant trip to "dog fennel in the Orient" and "Holy Land" and I hope soon to see you reading "Dog Fennel in the Orient." I will do all I can to get subscribers for the Blade. I have induced a good many to subscribe, but have never gotten up a club. With all good wishes for yourself and your family, I am your sincere friend,
MRS. JANE B. HARMON.

Davenport, Ill., July 3, 1903.
My Dear Mr. Moore:
It runs in my mind that I have subscribed for a book you promised to write, "Dog Fennel in the Orient," or some such, dog on name. Here's your dollar—let her come. On your trip did you take with you a goose and a goat, as did our Crusaders, or did the Holy Ghost send in your curly locks?
Yours very truly,
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